

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Non-Final Office Action of January 16, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the present amendment, Applicant hereby amends claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8, adds new claims 24-29, and respectfully submits that no new matter has been entered.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the related art shown in Figures 1-3 in view of Furihata (U.S. Patent No. 6,309,081). The rejection of the claims is traversed and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim 1 is allowable over the related art shown in Figures 1-3 in view of Furihata in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example “a light guide panel... a main support containing said liquid crystal display panel and said light guide panel; a reflector, wherein a portion of an upper surface of said reflector is adjacent to a bottom surface of said light guide panel, and wherein a portion of said upper surface of is non-adjacent to said bottom surface of said light guide panel; and a clamping member fixing said reflector to said main support.” Neither the related art shown in Figures 1-3 nor Furihata, singly or in combination, teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-8, which depend from claim 1, are also allowable over the related art shown in Figures 1-3 in view of Furihata.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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